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SUBJECT	Cause of Accident at the Slapy Dam	DATE DISTR.	26 July 1955
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1. Soon after the Slapy Dam (M49-49, E14-24) was put into operation in early March 1955, the dam burst in one place. The accident was allegedly caused by a defective bearing which caused the dislocation of one turbine, the inundation of the other turbines, and the crack in the dam.
2. The bearings were made in Czechoslovakia of Hungarian aluminum. Although there is a research institute for bearings in Czechoslovakia, it is reportedly not equipped to test new bearings.
3. As a result of the accident one engineer, and possibly three workers, drowned. The local electrical supply, however, was not interrupted.

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